**Appointment of foreign company as advisor for modernization of stations**

†2730. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a foreign company has been appointed as advisor for converting several major railway stations of the country into stations of international standard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the stations selected Under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) A consortium comprising of M/s Terry Farrel and Partners, Hong Kong, Ove Arup and Partners, Hong Kong and SMEC International Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon have been engaged as Consultants for re-development of only New Delhi railway station as world class station.

(c) Other 21 stations identified for development as World Class station are: Pune, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai), Howrah, Anand Vihar (Delhi), Bijwasan (Delhi), Lucknow, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Varanasi, Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Patna, Gaya, Bhubaneswar, Mathura, Agra, Bangalore, Bhopal and Jaipur.

**New track for additional passenger trains**

†2731. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States of the country in which additional passenger trains are being run this year;

(b) whether Railways has also made any provision for laying new tracks for these new trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reason therefor;

(e) whether Railways has started additional passenger trains in Haryana during the last two years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The train services of Rail Budget 2007-08 shall serve the following states:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | Tamil Nadu | Rajasthan | Goa |
| Madhya Pradesh | Jharkhand | Gujarat | Delhi |
| Jammu and Kashmir | Karnataka | Haryana | Punjab |
| Uttar Pradesh | Maharashtra | Orissa | Bihar |
| Uttarakhand | Chhattisgarh | Kerala | Assam |
| West Bengal | | | |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) The necessary budgetary allocation is being made for various projects including new lines, gauge conversions and doubling. The outlay is, however, not specified for a particular train. The trains are also introduced on new assets.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir, The following trains, which have been introduced during the last two years (2005-06 and 2006-07) to serve passengers of Haryana:–

| Sl. No. | Train No. | From | To | Nature |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2445/2446 | New Delhi | Udhampur | Sampark Kranti Express |
| 2 | 2963/2964 | Udaipur | Nizamuddin | Mewar Express |
| 3 | 4525/4526 | Ambala Cantt | Sriganganagar | Intercity Express |
| 4 | 4790A | Delhi Sarai Rohilla | Rewari | Express |
| 5 | 5715/5716 | Kishanganj | Ajmer | Garib Nawaj Express |
| 6 | 2053/2054 | Amritsar | Haridwar | Janshatabdi Express |
| 7 | 4601/4602 | Sonpur | Jammu Tawi | Mour Dhwaj Express |
| 8 | 4321/4232 | Bhuj | Bareilly | Ala Hazrat Express |
| 9 | 9781/9782 | Jaipur | Amritsar | Express |
| 10 | 1449/1450 | Jabalpur | Jammu Tawi | Express |
| 11 | 2203/2204 | Amritsar | Saharsa | Garib Rath Express |
| 12 | 9269/9270 | Motihari | Porbandar | Express |
| 13 | 1/2 RD | Delhi Sarai Rohilla | Rewari | Passenger |
| 14 | 163/164 | Ajmer | Rewari | Passenger |
| 15 | 3 RD | Delhi Sarai Rohilla | Rewari | Passenger |
| 16 | 499/500 | Jaipur | Rewari | Passenger |
| 17 | 5/6 RD | Delhi Sarai Rohilla | Rewari | Passenger |
| 18 | 8/9 RD | Delhi Sarai Rohilla | Rewari | Passeger |
| 19 | 3 RKB/ 6RKB | Rohtak | Bhiwani | Passenger |

**Improving the infrastructure shortage and handling of cargo**

2732. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the poor infrastructure and mishandling of cargo at the railway stations thereby causing avoidable damages and loss to the cargo;